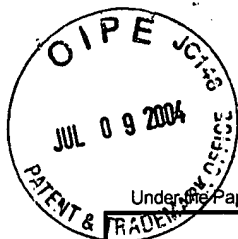


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**This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.**

Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application.

- Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114** Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, applicant must request non-entry of such amendment(s).
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    - ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
    - ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- Miscellaneous**
  - ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)
  - ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- Fees** The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.
  - ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 18-1945
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    - ☒ Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17) **01 FC:1801 770.00 DA**
    - ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated January 9, 2004 (Paper No. 12), finally rejecting claims 38-40, 43, 45, 47, 51, 54, 63, 68, 77, 113-115, 118, 120, 122, 126, 129, 137, 142 and 151-153, Applicants submit a Petition For a Three Month Extension of Time and a Request for Continued Examination and respectfully request reconsideration based upon the following remarks.

For the convenience of the Examiner, all claims being examined are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.**